

## Lecture Module - Sensors

ME3023 - Measurements in Mechanical Systems

Mechanical Engineering

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### Topic 2 - IC and MEMS based Sensors

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- Integrated Circuits
- Micro Electro-Mechanical Devices
- Accelerometer
- Compass or Orientation Sensor

## Integrated Circuits

Micro Electro-Mechanical Devices

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# Integrated Circuits

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Generate ideas as a group.

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(space for more ideas)

Integrated Circuits  
**Micro Electro-Mechanical Devices**  
Accelerometer  
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# Micro Electro-Mechanical Devices

# Accelerometer

An accelerometer is a tool that measures proper acceleration, which is the acceleration of a body in its own instantaneous frame.

Applications:

- Navigation Systems - Robotics - Aircraft - Missiles
- Personal Devices - Phones - Tablets
- Others:

# Accelerometer

Thought Exercise: How do we measure acceleration?



# Accelerometer

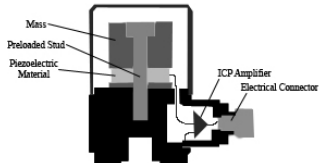
Mechanical Accelerometers Consist of a damped mass spring system and a sensing device.

Types of accelerometers:

- Seismometer or Seismograph
- piezoelectric - charge in material resulting from mechanical stress
- piezoresistive - change in resistance resulting from mechanical stress
- capacitive

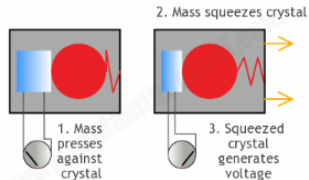
# Accelerometer

piezoelectric accelerometer



## Piezoelectric accelerometer

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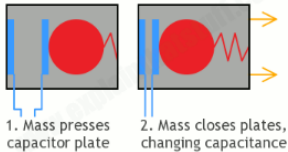


# Accelerometer

## capacitive accelerometer

### Capacitive accelerometer

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# Compass or Orientation Sensor

**Thought Exercise:** How do we measure **motion**?

- What variable or quantity is used to describe motion?
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- What type of sensor is used to measure this?
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# Compass or Orientation Sensor

- What applications require this type of sensor?

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# Compass or Orientation Sensor

**Thought Exercise:** How do we measure **orientation**?

- What variable or quantity is used to describe **orientation**?
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- What type of sensor is used to measure this?
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# Compass or Orientation Sensor

- What applications require this type of sensor?

